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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: FOUR OVAMBOS THOUGHT

ARRESTED IN ANGOLA

1. REPORT IN JULY 18 JOHANNESBURG STAR STATES FOUR OVAMBOS FROM NAMIBIA HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA. THREE ALLEGEDLY WERE ARRESTED AND DEPORTED TO ZAMBIA FOR TRIAL BEFORE SWAPO TRIBUNAL. FOURTH PERSON DISAPPEARED AT SAME TIME AND IS ALSO THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED.

2. NAMES OF THREE ALLEGEDLY DEPORTED TO ZAMBIA ARE: (A) PASTOR EEPULON EKANDJO, NEWSPAPER EDITOR, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN OWAMBO-KVANGO CHURCH; (B) MR. MULAMBULEMI ITOPI, BUSINESSMAN; (C) MISS SEMMI KAFULA, NURSING AID.

3. MISSING MAN IS MR. LOUIS NELENGANI, BUSINESSMAN AND ONETIME SWAPO SUPPORTER WHO RAN UNSUCCESSFULLY IN JANUARY 1975 ELECTIONS FOR OWAMBO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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4. FIRST THREE WERE ALLEGEDY ARRESTED WHILE TAKING
PHOTOGRAPHS AT UNITA RALLY IN ANGOLAN VILLAGE OF
OMUPAMPA NEAR OWAMBO BORDER. COMMISSIONER GENERAL FOR
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MR. JAN DE WET TOLD PRESS THAT
OWAMBO CABINET CONCERNED ABOUT INCIDENTS. DE WET SAID
HE HAS ASKED SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE TO MAKE NECESSARY
INQUIRIES WITH ANGOLAN POLICE, AND IF RESPONSE IS NOT
SATISFACTORY, HE WILL ASK SA DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS TO TAKE UP MATTER.
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